GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Dispensary in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made for the treatment of elderly people and women during travel by trains;
(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce a small dispensary in the trains with minimum two doctors (male and female) during Char Dham Yatra; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials are provided with the guards of all passenger carrying trains. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wide range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided with the Train Superintendents/ Guards of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains and some nominated trains. Front line staffs deployed on trains are also trained in rendering First Aid. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in emergencies. The Station Masters of all stations have details of doctors, clinics and hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be availed, in emergencies. Ambulance service of both Railway hospitals and State Governments are utilized when required.
(b) & (c): No, Madam. A pilot project of deployment of doctors in Duronto Trains was undertaken for a period of two years. During the Pilot Project serious patients could not be treated on board and had to be detrained for medical treatment at a hospital because the medical equipments, such as ECG machines etc. do not function properly on the trains due to noise/ vibration etc.
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